

Mr. Hord introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint certain general officers. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill to provide for the support of families of Texan soldiers being under consideration and Mr. Quayle having moved to reconsider a vote adopting Mr. Harcourt's substitute to a bill granting land to Texas soldiers, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Friday, November 27, 1863  
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported adversely on a bill to create a Board of Commerce and Manufactures.

The following bills were reported correctly engrossed:

A bill to provide for the employment of additional labor in the State Penitentiary.

A bill for relief of heirs of Thomas Moore.

A bill defining the duties of the agent of the Alabama Coushatta and Muscogee Indians.

Mr. Jowers introduced a joint resolution to provide for the preparation of a roll of honor of the citizens soldiery of the state. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to define the boundary of the headright league of land granted to James McNair and W. E. McLain. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to further prescribe the duties of the Military Board was read 2nd time, substitute adopted, and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to provide for the families of Texan soldiers. Read 2nd time, rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on Printing reported a contract for 2,000 copies of the Governor's message for \$144.00, binding 40 dollars, Senate furnishing paper.

Mr. Selman introduced a joint resolution relative to the contract of Short, Briscoe and Company with the Military Board. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.



**A frontiersman sent to Austin  
Senator Daniel Montague  
of Cooke County**

Source: A. Wharton Smith,  
**The First 100 Years in Cooke  
County** (San Antonio:  
Naylor, 1955), xii.

A bill to suspend all laws for the collection of debts was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to raise 2,000,000 dollars by sale of cotton bonds was read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize the sale of percussion caps was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Montague, Lea, and Throckmorton.

A joint resolution in relation to increase of pay of soldiers. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Saturday, November 28, 1863  
9 o'clock A.M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A bill providing for the support of families of Texan soldiers, and a bill to provide for the manufacture of iron by the Military Board were reported correctly engrossed.

Mr. Montague, chairman of Select Committee, reported a substitute for a bill to authorize the sale of percussion caps.

Mr. Moore of Davis introduced a joint resolution requesting the Commanding General to detail men for the Texas iron works. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dickson introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to employ a suitable person to take charge of the libraries and other property belonging to the Capitol. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Montague introduced a joint resolution concerning the manufacture of slate. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

The Committee on State Affairs reported a substitute for a bill to provide for the manufacture of spinning jennies; a substitute for a joint resolution for the relief of Short, Briscoe and Company; and recommended the passage of the bill to define the boundaries of the McNair and